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# Downtown beautification programs launched in June

The formal kickoff for Blooming Saint Paul was held June 19th. The event began one of Downtown's newest latest beautification initiatives. And this one has an interesting competitive twist.

Blooming Saint Paul is a collaborative effort of the Mayor's Office and the Division of Parks and Recreation to create a program to en-

hance the beauty of Downtown. It coordinates partnerships among the City, Downtown businesses, and garden centers.

Planters will be located throughout downtown and are supplied, maintained, and fully funded through the partner effort.

Mayor Kelly is very excited to see this project move forward. "In our efforts to continue to bring more energy and vitality to our City, Blooming Saint Paul is an example of using the beauty of nature to complement and enhance the development of our Downtown."

Throughout the summer, nurseries and their downtown business partners will be showing off their gardening expertise.

The competition

Following competition guidelines, the partners will have to keep their planter looking great until mid-August, when a team of highly trained judges will cast their votes.

Ward Two Councilmember (and competition judge) Chris Coleman praised the breadth of participation in this summer's initiative. "The seeds

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More downtown beautification will be happening as the Capital City Clean Team swings into action. Mayor Kelly helped inaugurate this program on Friday, June 21st. For more information, see www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/cleanteam.

#### Free City employee picnic is Thursday, August 1st

City employees are invited to this year's picnic for workser and their families. It's set for Thursday, August 1st, and will be held at the Como Park East Pavilion from 4:30 until 9:00.

The event includes free food and beverages from 5:00 to 7:00, live music by Daly Planet (featuring Joe Juliano), face painting, games for kids, and a palm reader. Prizes will be drawn for at 7:30; you must be present to win. Como Zoo will be open until 8:00.

There will be a charge for participating in the dunk tank festivities. All

the proceeds wil go to the burn unit at Regions Hospital.

Employees may have their children fingerprinted by the Police Department, which will store that information for any future

identification purposes. Water Services, Public Works, and the Fire Department will have vehicles on display, and the Bookmobile will be there, too.

if you're interested in helping make the picnic a success by helping with registration, handing out food, grilling, running games, or cleaning up, please contact Theresa Sullivan at 651-266-8812 to volunteer.

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of Blooming Saint Paul were planted by the Saint Paul Garden Club, the Ross Group, the Capital City Partnership, the Lowertown artists' co-ops and all the individual building owners and managers who have quietly tended flower beds, watered trees and hung baskets, bringing nature's beauty and respite into the heart of Downtown. It's exciting to see so many more people willing to get dirt under their fingernails this summer."

For more information on the program please contact Jackie Johnson, Division of Parks and Recreation at 651-266-6379 or e-mail to bloomingstpaul@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

#### Caroline Kennedy to attend June 28th fund-raiser

Mayor Kelly would like to invite city employees to attend the Saint Paul Courage Awards with Caroline Kennedy, from 10 to 11 a.m., Friday, June 28, at Park Square Theater.

The fund-raising event is in conjunction with the mayor's and Superintendent Pat Harvey's program, "Saint Paul Reads One Book," where city residents were invited to read JF Kennedy's book "Profiles in Courage."

The June 28 program is being held to discuss what courage means in this age, and features Caroline Kennedy, Superintendent Harvey, Mayor Kelly, Justice Alan Page, and George Latimer. Awards also will be handed out to winners of the essay contest. Caroline Kennedy has recently released an updated version of "Profiles" and will be available after the program to sign copies of her book.

Tickets are limited and cost \$100. All proceeds will be used to purchase books for students in the St. Paul Public Schools. Call Park Square Theater box office at 651.291.7005.

Please obtain your supervisor's okay to attend this event, which is held during normal work hours.

2002 Clevical Conference

## Hold these dates!

The City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County will be holding a joint Support Staff Clerical Conference on September 18th, and September 26th, 2002.

Please keep these dates in mind if you are thinking about attending. Details on time, place, and conference subjects will be coming next month.

### City job openings as of June 28th, 2002

Application deadline	Job title	Wage or salary rate	Exam date
07/02/02	Chief Engineer-SPRWS (prom)	\$2,966.02 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,417.26 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
07/08/02	Elevator Inspector	\$26.63 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	IS Info/Tech Analyst IV	\$1,821.08 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
07/01/02	Principal Designer (prom)	\$2,440.29 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor (seasonal)	\$8.25 per hr	See Job Ann

Please Note: Mayor Kelly has announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul. The testing and application process will be continuing for certain positions, and hiring decisions will be made on a case by case basis. The City does anticipate that some exceptions to the freeze will be approved, particularly for certain seasonal/summer positions. You are encouraged to continue your interest in City employment by completing the job application process.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after June 20th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.